African sea catfish

The **African sea catfish** (***Arius africanus***), also known as the **marine catfish**,[2] is a species of sea catfish in the family Ariidae.[3] It was described by Albert Günther in 1867.[4] It is found in tropical brackish and freshwater in Tanzania, Madagascar, and the Pangani River. It reaches a maximum standard length of 45 cm (18 in).[3]

The diet of the African sea catfish consists of small finfish and invertebrates.[5] It is of commercial interest to fisheries.[3]

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Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Chordata
Class:	Actinopterygii
Order:	Siluriformes
Family:	Ariidae
Genus:	*Arius*
Species:	***A. africanus***
Binomial name	
Arius africanus Günther, 1867	
Synonyms[1]	
▪ *Arius falcarius africana* Günther, 1867 ▪ *Arius falcarius africanus* Günther, 1867 ▪ *Tachysurus africanus* (Günther, 1867)	

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